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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Town—Examination of rodents for plague infection at East London, King Williams Town, and Port Elizabeth; infection found.

The following is received from the medical officer of health for Cape Colony, under date of August 6, 1906:

East London.—Week ended August 4, 1906: Rodents examined, 130; 1 found dead; no infection.

King Williams Town.—Rodents examined, 171; 1 found dead; no infection.

Port Elizabeth.—Two mice found dead during the previous week examined; infection found.

Rodents examined during week, 224; 19 found dead; no infection.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever—Health conditions in Pernambuco.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, August 15, as follows:

Two weeks ended August 11, 1906. Vessels inspected and received bills of health as follows:

On the 1st instant the British steamship *Alston*, for New Orleans, La., in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; the British steamship *Hillbarn* for some southern port of the United States, via St. Lucia for orders, with no passengers, no change in crew, and in water ballast; on the 2d instant the British steamship *Byron*, for New York, with coffee, 28 first-class, 18 steerage passengers, and no new members of the crew taken on in this port; the British steamship *Jenny*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the 4th instant the British steamship *Buffon*, for New Orleans, La., with coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel; on the 6th instant the British steamship *Como*, for some southern port, via the West Indies, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; the German steamship *Guenther*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the 7th instant the British steamship *Hillglen*, for Tybee Roads, Ga., in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; on the 10th instant the British steamship *Hillgrove*, for some southern port of the United States, via the West Indies, in water ballast, with no passengers and with no change in the crew personnel, and the British steamship *Eastern Prince*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew while in this port.

No other vessels left this port during the period under consideration requiring inspection.